

***The Journal Record: OKC-based Devon Energy makes list of best commuter jobs***

It only makes sense that energy companies would know how to effectively save energy, and Devon Energy is among the best, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Devon Energy this week was recognized for the second consecutive year on the EPA's list of **Best Workplaces for Commuters from the Fortune 500 companies**.

Devon was listed No. 13 last year and stayed in the same position this year. Intel was given the top position, followed by Qualcomm and Oracle (tied for second), and Sun Microsystems and Microsoft rounded out the top five.

The EPA's list recognizes companies for offering commuter benefits. The payoff comes in the form of a reduction in fuel consumption, vehicle emissions and bottleneck traffic, EPA officials said.

The **Best Workplaces for Commuters program** is a way employees encourage conservation by offering benefits such as telework and rideshare programs, bike lockers, subsidized transit passes, and vanpool vouchers. More than 2.8 million employees nationwide participate and about 600,000 work at Fortune 500 companies.

Devon spokesman Chip Minty said the company takes prides in encouraging conservation.

"It was based on things we do in Houston, where traffic and emissions are issues," Minty said. "We encourage carpooling. Overall 70 percent of Devon's employees in Houston commute by bus or carpool."

The EPA said the recognized companies have met its National Standards of Excellence. To meet those standards, employers must provide at least one primary commuter benefit such as transit subsidies, three supporting commuter benefits such as car or van incentives, a central point of contact (an administrator who informs employees of the benefits), and access to an emergency or guaranteed ride home program.

Intel was top ranked for the second-straight year because it gave commuter benefits to 92 percent of the company's employees.

"During President Bush's national call to conserve our country's energy resources, small adjustments to our daily route - like the way we get to and from work - can produce enormous combined benefits," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson in a statement. "By providing the employees with sensible, innovative community benefits, these (workplaces) are joining the national mark toward energy security and a cleaner environment."

The EPA said the overall program saves 146 million gallons of gasoline and \$400 million a year for commuters.